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A. THE FOLLOWING BRIEF NEWS SUMMARIES REPRESENT THE  
SECOND IN A TENTATIVE SERIES OF CABLES REPORTING FRENCH  
SCIENCE OR TECHNOLOGY RELATED ACTIVITIES. IF FURTHER  
INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE ITEMS IS DESIRED, PLEASE  
RESPOND TO THIS EMBASSY, ATTENTION SCIENCE OFFICE,  
GIVING SPECIFIC REFERENCE AND NATURE OF DESIRED  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

B. TOPICS INCLUDED: COMPUTER SYSTEM; FRENCH COMMUNIST  
PARTY RESEARCH PLAN; NUCLEAR INFORMATION CENTER;  
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FRENCH SCIENTIFIC EXPERTISE; WEATHER PROTECTION PLAN FOR  
THE CHANNEL AND NORTH SEA; FRENCH FEDERATION FOR  
NUTRITION SURVEYS; EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT OF NEW  
ENERGY SOURCES; SCIENCE SEMINAR; SORBONNE-UNIVERSITY OF  
PHILADELPHIA COOPERATION AGREEMENT; FRENCH FEDERATION  
OF CHEMISTRY; EARTH OBSERVATION SATELLITE.

1. A SYSTEM TO PROVIDE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION TO  
BUSINESS - LES ECHOS, FEB 1, 1978

FRANCE HAS ALLOCATED 75 MILLION FRANCS OVER THE  
NEXT 5 YEARS FOR TWO PROJECTS: THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A  
COMPUTER SYSTEM WHICH WILL MAKE AVAILABLE TO  
ORGANIZATIONS RENTING A TERMINAL SCIENTIFIC AND  
TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION AND THE SIGNING OF A  
COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS  
TO PROVIDE DATA IN THE CHEMICAL FIELD.

2. FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY (PC) PRESENTS ITS PLAN FOR  
RESEARCH - LE MONDE, FEBRUARY 4, 1978

THE PC, IN PRESENTING ITS PROPOSALS FOR A  
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH EFFORT, STATED  
THE FOLLOWING FIVE PRINCIPLES:

- TO DEFINE OBJECTIVES DEMOCRATICALLY
- TO OBTAIN FINANCING
- TO DEMOCRATIZE ADMINISTRATION
- TO ELEVATE THE STATUS OF PERSONNEL KNOWLEDGEABLE  
IN THE FIELD OF RESEARCH
- TO BASE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL RESEARCH EFFORT

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THE PC PROPOSED THAT EACH RESEARCH ORGANIZATION ELECT  
AN ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL IN WHICH GOVERNMENT  
REPRESENTATIVES WOULD NOT BE IN THE MAJORITY. THESE  
COUNCILS WOULD IN TURN ELECT A SUPERIOR COMMITTEE WHICH  
WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UNITY AND IMPLEMENTATION  
OF PROGRAMS, FINANCING AND ADMINISTERING A RESERVE FUND.

3. NUCLEAR INFORMATION CENTER - AFP, FEB 6, 1978

INDUSTRY MINISTER MONORY ANNOUNCED FEB 6 THAT A  
NEW DOCUMENTATION CENTER ON NUCLEAR SAFETY WILL SOON BE  
OPENED AT FONTENAY-AUX-ROSES, THE SITE OF AN ATOMIC  
REACTOR. THIS CENTER, WHICH AUGMENTS THOSE ALREADY  
OPERATED BY THE COMMISSARIAT A L'ENERGIE ATOMIQUE (CEA)  
AND ELECTRICITE DE FRANCE (EDF), WILL BE OPEN TO THE  
PUBLIC.

A "NUCLEAR SAFETY BULLETIN" IS ALSO TO BE PUBLISHED  
EVERY OTHER MONTH TO TRANSMIT INFORMATION ON NUCLEAR  
REGULATION, OPERATION OF NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS,  
INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR QUESTIONS, AND RELATED MATTERS.

4. INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR NATURE AND THE

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ENVIRONMENT MEETS - AFP SCIENCES, FEBRUARY 16, 1978,  
NO. 116

PRIME MINISTER BARRE PRESIDED FEB 14 AT A MEETING  
OF THE INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR NATURE AND THE  
ENVIRONMENT. THE PRIME MINISTER STATED THAT "THE  
QUALITY OF LIFE IN FRANCE MUST PROGRESS APPRECIABLY  
DURING THE COURSE OF THE NEXT 5 YEARS." THE COMMITTEE  
DECIDED TO ESTABLISH AN AIR AGENCY IN THE TOWN OF METZ  
WITH A 15 YEAR PLAN DESTINED TO ASSURE THE PROTECTION  
OF WATER RESOURCES.

5. FRENCH EXPERTISE FOR SALE - AFP SCIENCES, FEB 16,  
1978, NO. 116

THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR SPACE STUDIES, FRANCE-CABLES  
RADIO AND TELEDIFFUSION DE FRANCE WILL BE REGROUPED INTO  
A SINGLE ORGANIZATION WHICH WILL OFFER INTERNATIONAL  
CONSULTING AND SPACE ENGINEERING SERVICES TO INTERESTED  
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FOREIGN CLIENTS. MR. HUBERT CURIEN, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR SPACE STUDIES, STATED IT WOULD BE INDEPENDENT OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND WOULD PROVIDE A BASE OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY EXPERTISE.

6. EXTENSION OF A METEOROLOGICAL PROTECTION PLAN IN THE CHANNEL AND NORTH SEA - AFP SCIENCES, FEB 16, 1978, NO. 116

THE TECHNICAL AND WEATHER MATERIAL CENTER RECENTLY ORDERED TWO ANALOGICAL AND NUMERICAL FACT COLLECTION STATIONS FOR USE IN DIFFICULT AREAS FROM AERAZUR. THESE STATIONS WILL BE SET UP ON BUOYS TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON SPEED AND DIRECTION OF WIND, AIR AND WATER TEMPERATURE, ETC. AND TRANSMIT SUCH DATA BY RADIO WAVES TO COASTAL STATIONS. THESE STATIONS CAN ALSO BE ADAPTED TO COLLECT FACTS ON FOREST FIRES AND POLLUTION.

7. FRENCH DISTURBED OVER INDUSTRIALLY PROCESSED FOODS - AFP SCIENCES, FEB 16, 1978, NO. 116

ACCORDING TO TWO SURVEYS RECENTLY UNDERTAKEN AT THE REQUEST OF THE FRENCH FEDERATION FOR NUTRITION (FFN), THE FRENCH COMPLAIN OF THE DETERIORATION IN THE TASTE AND QUALITY OF THEIR FOOD AND WERE WORRIED ABOUT THEIR HEALTH. FOUR OUT OF TEN FRENCHMEN BELIEVE THAT INDUSTRIAL TREATMENT OF FOOD PRODUCTS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DETERIORATION. THOSE QUESTIONED FELT INFORMATION COMING FROM GOVERNMENT AND MERCHANDIZING SOURCES WAS NOT CREDIBLE; HOWEVER, 45 PERCENT EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CONSUMER ORGANIZATIONS.

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8. WORKING GROUP MEETS TO DETERMINE CONSEQUENCES OF DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENERGY SOURCES ON THE ENVIRONMENT - AFP SCIENCES, FEB 16, 1978, NO. 116

ON FEB 8 THE FIRST MEETING OF A WORKING GROUP, CREATED BY MINISTER OF CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT MICHEL D'ORNANO, MET TO STUDY THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENERGY SOURCES ON THE ENVIRONMENT. FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ESTIMATE OF THE IMPACT OF DIFFERENT SOURCES OF ENERGY ON THE ENVIRONMENT. FIRST CONCLUSIONS ARE EXPECTED

BEFORE THE END OF THE FIRST QUARTER.

9. SEMINAR ON SCIENCE IN EUROPE - AFP SCIENCES, MARCH 2,  
1978, NO. 118

THE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AT COMPIEGNE WILL BE  
THE SITE OF A SEMINAR IN OCTOBER ON THE THEME "OBSTACLES  
WHICH PREVENT SCIENCE FROM RESPONDING IN A RAPID AND  
ADEQUATE MANNER TO THE NEEDS OF EUROPEAN SOCIETY." THE  
SEMINAR, ORGANIZED BY THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC  
COMMUNITY, WILL EXAMINE BARRIERS, SCIENTIFIC OR NOT,  
WHICH SEPARATE SCIENCE FROM SOCIETY AND WILL ANALYZE  
CRITICALLY EUROPEAN SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS WITH A VIEW  
TOWARD IMPROVING THEIR USEFULNESS TO EUROPEAN SOCIETY.

10. COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SORBONNE AND THE  
UNIVERSITY OF PHILADELPHIA - AFP SCIENCES, MARCH 2,  
1978, NO. 118

ON FEB 23, THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA AND THE  
SORBONNE SIGNED A SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL AGREEMENT

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WHICH PROVIDES FOR AN ANNUAL EXCHANGE OF TWO PROFESSORS  
AND TWO RESEARCHERS.

11. CREATION OF A FRENCH FEDERATION OF CHEMISTRY -  
A/P SCIENCES, MARCH 2, 1978, NO. 118

THE FRENCH FEDERATION OF CHEMISTRY, UNITING NINE  
INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATIONS, ELECTED AS ITS FIRST PRESIDENT  
ALAIN HOREAU OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. THE  
FEDERATION PLANS TO CENTRALIZE AND DISSEMINATE  
INFORMATION CONCERNING ITS MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES; STUDY  
AND PREPARE WORK THEMES IN COMMON WHICH RELATE TO THEIR  
FIELDS; COORDINATE NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL  
DEMONSTRATIONS TO ENSURE EASY ACCESS TO INFORMATION  
AND PROGRESS IN NEIGHBORING FIELDS.

12. "SPOT" OBSERVATION SATELLITE PROJECT - AFP,  
MARCH 8, 1978

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AT THE SPACE OBSERVATION OF THE EARTH AND MANAGEMENT  
OF PLANETARY RESOURCES SEMINAR CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN  
TOULOUSE, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT FRANCE WOULD BE ABLE TO  
LAUNCH AN EARTH OBSERVATION SATELLITE, SPOT, BY 1983.  
THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR SPACE STUDIES IS CURRENTLY  
SEEKING A WAY TO PROLONG THE ORBITAL DURATION OF THE  
SATELLITE FROM 2 TO 3 YEARS.  
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